

**Thompson Middle School**  
**PFA Meeting**  
**October 19, 2015**

**Call to order:** 7:05 pm

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Principal's report**

- Mr. Kirkpatrick announced the students of the month. He read a very nice biography of the student, presented them with a plaque and photos were taken. Tickets to Monmouth University event will be handed out later this month as the tickets become available. The students of the month for October 2015 are:

6<sup>th</sup> grade – Isabella Orlando

7<sup>th</sup> grade – Amanda Borgese

8<sup>th</sup> grade – Claire Harrington

- The school had a surprise visit from Homeland Security and the Middletown Police Department during our lockdown drill. The school did well. A follow up meeting with Homeland Security, Middletown Police Department, Thompson Security and the schools administration provided the school with advice to further ensure the safety of the school and its students. A report from Mr. Kirkpatrick will provide the advice taken.
- Mrs. Ricker, Mr. Kirkpatrick's secretary and Ms. Jessurun, science teacher will be retiring as of January 1, 2016.
- There will be a school sponsored dance on Friday October 23, 2015 from 5-7 pm.
- Chrome books that are in possession before classes begin will be repaired from 8:30am - 9:30am. Chrome books sent to be repaired after this time will be repaired the following morning. Every effort will be made to provide your student with a functioning Chrome book when theirs is in need of repair.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation date will be available sometime in March.

**Vice Principal's report**

- Clearance sale on school spirit wear. See back table for availability!
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade is a big year for students. Guidance counselors are available for assistance with private school applications, transcripts etc.
  - Guidance website has a monthly newsletter with tips for you and your children.
  - see teacher website for extra help and the schools website for other announcements.
- Kathy Perotta** spoke about the upcoming "Candidates Night". There are 3 Board of Education positions open.
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| Nutswamp School | 10/21/15 - 7pm |
| Harmony School  | 10/22/15 - 7pm |

-All Board of Education meetings will be recorded and available for viewing on the districts website.

### **Michelle Glynn – Granny’s attic Chair person**

- This is Granny’s Attic’s 35<sup>th</sup> year. All vender spots are filled, only outdoor spots available. The event takes place on Saturday November 21, 2015. Many volunteers are needed so please consider donating some of your time to Thompson’s only fundraiser of the year. Tricia Welsh has stepped up to chair Granny’s attic for next year!

### **Treasurer’s report**

– E-mail Melissa Orlando, mesoto1237@aol.com or Claudia Healey, claudiahealey@verizon.net if you have any questions about the financial reports.

### **Corresponding Secretary**

– Looking for shadow for this year/corresponding secretary next year.

In charge of PFA membership – “My School Anywhere”. It is a web based database for PFA membership. The Corresponding Secretary is in charge of e-blasts to families and disseminating information to families of students. We currently have 453 families at Thompson School.

- e-blast will be sent out concerning Thompson’s electronic sign. Please be sure to respond to it ASAP. The sign provides information to the community, mostly Thompson Middle School information. The information display was rolling every 15 seconds. An ordinance was put into effect well “**AFTER**” the electronic sign was purchased and installed, that all messages must be one color, non-flashing and be up for 5 minutes. The e-blast will provide you with the correspondence needed to tell the mayor that you disagree with the ordinance and that the school should be grandfathered in since the ordinance was passed “hush, hush” well “**AFTER**” our sign was purchased. This effects Middletown High School south as well. FYI, the signs are turned off at night.

### **President/Vice President reports**

- Next meeting November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 9:15 am

- Ms. Felder gave an informative presentation on the subject of HIB, Harassment, Intimidation and bullying. She works with children in their transition to middle school. She also works with children who may be experiencing a home life issue such as divorce, school avoidance and/or a tragedy at home. A slide show presentation provided parents information on this topic as well as resources that could be used in such situations.

- All fall sports teams were spoken to about “hazing”. Please ask your children if they or their teammates are experiencing any type of hazing.

**Meeting Adjourned - 8:15pm**